The board of directors includes president David Kane, first vice president Jack Berger, regional vice presidents Kahla Mills, Dan Frank, Leif Hanson, Brad Mead, Darla Griffin, and Young Producers Assembly president Sage Askin. These steadfast individuals wear many hats in their communities and around Wyoming. Their dedication will ensure a robust cattle industry in the state and a strong organization to support them well into the future.

The mission of the Wyoming Stock Growers is an important one to the character of the State. They advocate for the cattle industry and rural life. They develop policies to conserve and best manage the vast Wyoming landscape. They work with regulators at every facet of government. The Great Seal on every Wyoming flag and our State seal displays a rancher. This is the heritage of the stewards of the land who provide the Nation with quality products and food on their tables.

Cattlemen and their families created towns and built economies around the industry starting when Wyoming was still a territory. The tenacity and principles of these hard-working people are embodied through our Code of the West, the University of Wyoming's "Cowboys," and the work of the Wyoming Stock Growers. The theme of the Stock Growers centennial celebration in 1972 was "Guardian of the Grasslands." They continue to serve and conserve their industry and values in an ever-changing environment.

It is a great privilege to recognize this incredible organization and their dedication to the Wyoming's cattle and agriculture industry. Bobbi joins me in extending our congratulations and deep gratitude to the Wyoming Stock Growers Association on their 150th anniversary celebration.

## ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

## TRIBUTE TO HERSHEL "WOODY" WILLIAMS

• Mr. DAINES. Madam President, today I have the honor of recognizing a true American hero, Hershel "Woody" Williams. Woody is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor for his immense bravery during the Battle of Iwo Jima in World War II. Woody is also a former representative of the Veterans Administration and founder of the Hershel "Woody" Williams Medal of Honor Foundation.

Woody always had a desire to serve his country, and to this day, he continues that effort. His initial attempt to enlist in the U.S. Marine Corps, at just 17 years old, was derailed by his disapproving mother. The following year, he was again denied entry because he did not meet the height requirement. However, at the age of 19 and after the height requirement had been reduced, Woody finally was able to join the Marine Corps and begin a

journey that would not only bring honor to his family and friends, but to our entire Nation.

After training as a flame thrower operator, Woody was deployed to the Pacific where he fought in the Guadalcanal Campaign and in Guam. On February 21, 1945, he landed at Iwo Jima. With the support of just four marine gunners, Woody gallantly eliminated pillbox after pillbox, successfully reducing heavy machinegun fire to make way for our advancing troops. Even though the situation was beyond desperate, he continued on, knowing what needed to be done to win and to save the lives of his brothers. When the battle concluded, he had eliminated six enemy pillboxes.

That same day, U.S. forces heroically hoisted the American flag on top of Mount Suribachi. Woody's bravery was instrumental to the military success at Iwo Jima, and his bravery was acknowledged at the White House by President Harry Truman on October 5, 1945, with the Medal of Honor. In addition to those honors, an Armed Forces Center in Woody's hometown of Fairmont, WV, holds his name. The Hershel "Woody" Williams Armed Forces Reserves Center is the only National Guard facility in the country to bear the name of a living marine. Also honoring Woody is a Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Fairmont, WV, a bridge in Barboursville, WV, and an Expeditionary Sea Base Vessel.

Woody continued to serve his country well after the war, working for the Veterans Administration as a veteran service representative for 33 years out of offices in West Virginia and New Mexico, where he continued to serve his military family. After Woody retired in 1979, he continued to support veterans through the Hershel "Woody" Williams Medal of Honor Foundation. This foundation preserves the memory of the brave men lost at war, reminding us all of the price that must be paid for freedom. His effort to build Gold Star Family Memorials in all 50 States is also coming to a successful close, with the 50th memorial being unveiled in Bozeman, MT, on Memorial Day,

It is because of heroes like Woody, that America is known as the land of the free and the home of brave. I want to thank you, Mr. WILLIAMS, for your continued service to our great country and for displaying such tremendous courage, not only during times of war, but throughout your life.●

## RECOGNIZING THE TRICENTENNIAL OF THE TOWN OF HAMPTON FALLS, NEW HAMPSHIRE

• Ms. HASSAN. Madam President, I rise today to join Granite Staters in celebrating the 300th anniversary, as well as the rich history and vibrant present, of the Town of Hampton Falls, NH.

Originally a parish of the Town of Hampton, Hampton Falls later was established as an independent town, gaining its name from the falls located on the surrounding river. The town's history is reflected in its rural roots; many of its early residents worked in the timber industry or on farms in the region, and it is home to one of the oldest working apple orchards in the country. And over the last 300 years, Hampton Falls has been home to prominent New Hampshire citizens, including the first Governor of New Hampshire and poet John Greenleaf Whittier.

The residents of Hampton Falls are also dedicated to preserving this history; the Hampton Falls Historical Society's motto is "Our future is a present from the past." Learning from our past and remembering our history is essential to a healthy democracy, and I applaud the Hampton Falls community for its commitment to its history.

Today with its 2,400 residents, Hampton Falls remains a small-town residential and agricultural community. From its small business community to the orchards and horse farms that reflect its agricultural beginnings, Hampton Falls is a vital part of New Hampshire's Seacoast.

While Hampton Falls has changed over the years, what has remained is the strong sense of community that makes New Hampshire a great place to live, work, visit, and raise a family.

I want to thank everyone involved in the tricentennial celebrations happening throughout Hampton Falls this year to help mark this milestone. I hope that the residents and visitors alike are able to enjoy the year's events and reflect upon Hampton Falls' abundant history and vibrant culture.

## RECOGNIZING DRUTHER'S RESTAURANT

• Mr. PAUL. Madam President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Kentucky small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize the small business, Druther's Restaurant of Campbellsville, KY, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Steve McCarty, owner and operator of the last remaining Druther's restaurant in the world, understands the importance of commitment and passion when managing a business. His dad built the Campbellsville store in 1970, originally named Burger Queen before the company's rebrand to Druther's in 1980. It was an independent franchise fully owned by the McCarty family. Steve developed a love for the Druther's business at a young age, as he began working there at only 15 years old. At its peak of success, the Druther's franchise had around 200 locations spanning from Florida to Missouri, as well as international locations and a devoted consumer base. In light of financial woes burdening the